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## RECORD NUMBERS, HONORARY DOCTORATE HIGHLIGHT GWU'S MAY GRADUATION

*ALSO: MIDDLE EASTERN STUDENTS RECEIVE DEGREES UNDER BITTERSWEET CIRCUMSTANCES*

Gardner-Webb again held two Spring graduation ceremonies because of record numbers of graduates. May 11th featured a 10 a.m. service for approximately 500 undergraduates and a 3 p.m. service for over 100 receiving master's degrees.

The morning ceremony featured the presentation of an honorary doctorate to Dr. Gene Washburn, past chairman of the GWU Board of Trustees, who is a distinguished alumnus and benefactor as well. "Dr. Washburn and his family have given much of their time and resources for the sake of helping grow GWU into a strong regional institution," said Tommy Hardin, current board chair. Washburn also was hailed for his many years of service as physician for GWU students and the university's athletic teams.

"Look around you," said Hardin, "much of what Gardner-Webb is today is

due to the efforts of Dr. Gene Washburn."

Student speakers representing various academic and extracurricular programs delivered keynote addresses at both ceremonies. But perhaps the most memorable line was spoken by Douglas Monroe, a member of the N.C. Highway Patrol and a graduating GOAL Program student, when he lamented, "It's taken some of you four years to graduate ... it's only taken me four terms - Reagan, Clinton and both Bushes."

A touching storyline to this year's ceremonies was a handful of students who are natives of the Holy Land, where conflict and political agendas have rocked the lives of these newest GWU alumni.

In particular, Nihal Kaissieh of Bethlehem was torn between the emotions of the day. With a full-tuition fellowship awaiting her in the

pharmaceutical chemistry program at Iowa State University, Nihal had to walk across the stage in Porter Arena without her family there to watch. Travel restrictions in her homeland prevented her parents from seeing her accept her degree and those same restrictions also are preventing Nihal from returning home - possibly ever again.

Nihal and her family are members of the Church of the Nativity (less than a mile from her home) where much of the fighting has centered. Her father was

recently shot during crossfire there, but has since recovered.

Having made contact with Dr. Chris White during a GWU trip to the Holy Land several years ago, Nihal's father pleaded with White to take Nihal back to the U.S. so the young girl could have a chance at an education.

White said, "He knew he would probably never see her again if she left, but he said he would be happier knowing that she had an opportunity to make a better life for herself."

### On The Inside:

- Dr. Gayle Price named professor of the year
- New Charlotte campus officially opens its doors
- All-American Rich Williams (right) says 'no thanks' to the NFL



photo by Bob Curry



## May Banquet Also Honors Baptist Leader With Medallion of Honor

### RANDALL LOLLEY CHAIR Is GWU's THIRD ANNOUNCED THIS YEAR

Gardner-Webb's status as a prestigious academic institution has been bolstered yet again with the announcement of the third endowed chair in less than a year.

The Randall Lolley Endowed Chair of Pastoral Studies, to be occupied in the M. Christopher White School of Divinity, was completed in May with \$840,000 in gifts and pledges from friends and former church members of

the esteemed Dr. Lolley, one of the most revered and recognizable figures in North Carolina Baptist life.

Establishing an endowed chair at GWU requires a minimum of \$500,000. The others to be announced since August were the Bob D. Shepherd Endowed Chair of New Interpretation and the Dover Foundation Endowed Chair of Business Management

Randall Lolley, a central figure in N.C. Baptist life for decades, has touched the lives of thousands during his decades of ministry. Admirers and supporters from across the region came to hear the news of the Lolley chair, among them was Dr. Paul Broyhill

(see adjacent story). Endowed professorships allow institutions to attract and retain the best and brightest

faculty members in their respective fields. Dr. Todd Still filled the Shepherd Chair within the School of Divinity. The search is continuing for a candidate to fill the Dover chair, and GWU officials say the search has now officially begun to fill the new Lolley chair as well.

A May banquet in Greensboro marked the occasion of the Lolley chair's completion. Friends and family were by Dr. Lolley's side as the announcement was made. Lolley was also presented with GWU's Medallion of Honor, an award reserved for those who have made an impact on others nationally or internationally. Millard Fuller of Habitat for Humanity International is the only previous recipient.

Randall Lolley served 14 years as president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and he has extensive pastoral experience in major churches in Winston-Salem, Raleigh and Greensboro.

GWU President Dr. Chris White said of Lolley, "Few people in Baptist life have ever impacted theological education like my friend and colleague Dr. Randall Lolley. We can think of no one more deserving of having a chair of pastoral studies named in his honor than Randall Lolley."

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## FEBRUARY TRUSTEE MEETING REVEALS DOVER'S BIG NEWS

Highlighting the winter meeting of the Gardner-Webb University Board of Trustees on February 28 was the institution's establishment of an endowed chair in the School of Business, made possible with \$500,000 in gifts from Dover Foundation Inc. of Shelby.

Faculty receiving tenure and promotions also were announced at the meeting.

Funding for the new Dover Chair began in 1999 with an initial gift from the Foundation. At the trustee meeting, Dover Foundation board member Dr. Hoyt Bailey said the final installment of the Chair's fund has been finalized, meaning the University can begin the selection process for a professor to occupy the Chair. GWU President Dr. Chris White told trustees that an announcement of that individual should occur within six months.

According to Dr. Arlen Honts, dean of the Gardner-Webb School of Business, the creation of the position has significant implications. He explained that prestige and acclamation often follow a program that can boast of such a title among its faculty. Top schools like Vanderbilt, the University of Minnesota, and Duke all have endowed chairs as staples of their reputation, he added.

"It means credibility, validation. This will create a heightened perception of who we are," Honts said. "The top-flight business programs in the nation have endowed chairs, which help greatly to recruit and retain top authorities in their fields. The person who fills this position will be an anchor of the quality of our academic program."



Dr. Chris White and Dover board member Linton Suttle show the first-ever check written to GWU from the Dover Foundation - in 1944.

## GRIGGS' MEMORY LIVES ON Scholarship Award Honors Creative Business Students

Since the passing of beloved business professor Dr. Keith Griggs in 1999, a highlight of each spring has been the presentation of an award to a business student in his memory.

The F. Keith Griggs Memorial Scholarship Award is presented to a business student entering his or her final year of study. This year's recipient, Brantley Paschal, received a \$1,000 scholarship and three additional hours credit at no extra cost to the GWU undergraduate Broyhill School of Management.

Applicants for the award also write essays entitled "A Business I Would Like To See Started." In addition, business plans in support of their new ideas were developed by the

nominees and presented to the

GWU business faculty and representatives of the Griggs family.

Paschal has been a member of the Fundraising Committee for Christine's Home, a group home for teenage girls that Hands on Mission is building in Cleveland County. She is currently interning with Horizon Investments, a money management firm, in Columbia, SC. In August she travels to Romania with 11 other students for a week-long mission trip.

She told Nell Griggs, wife of the late Dr. Griggs, "George Bernard Shaw once said, 'The worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them; that is the essence of inhumanity.'"

She added, "Working in the Romanian orphanages last summer opened my eyes to the reality of poverty and neglected children. I hope that God will be glorified through my plan, which is to create a business that will train orphanages in strategic management so that they can be faithful stewards of their resources."

Nell Griggs (left) presents Brantley Paschal with the F. Keith Griggs Memorial Scholarship Award



## NURSES CELEBRATE PROGRAM'S HISTORY

This spring the GWU School of Nursing celebrated 35 years of graduates with a special weekend on campus. Highlights included presentations from nursing faculty, program updates, and, of course, graduates young and old recounting stories that were both touching and humorous. Program alumni also spent hours fellowshiping with classmates from their decade, reviewing old yearbooks, and exchanging updates.

During the evening banquet Dr. Shirley Toney, nursing dean, gave the keynote address. Also announced was a new scholarship that is being established by nursing alumni to honor Grace C. Lee and Shirley P. Toney. This scholarship, which honors the memory

of the nursing school founder and celebrates the legacy of Dr. Toney's leadership. The fund will provide financial assistance to worthy and needy nursing students. To contribute to the fund contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 704-406-4255.

Special thanks go to the reunion planning committee: Jill Haney Coy '76; Jean Falls Moore '68; Linda Hodge Henry '67; Elizabeth Lingerfelt '92; Maxine C. Lyda '68, '91; Gay Helms Melton '67 Lois Clay Perkins '67; Carol Pruitt Rosser '92, '96; and Dr. Shirley Toney.





# RACIAL UNITY SERVICE BRINGS COUNTY TO GWU CAMPUS; OVER 1,000 WORSHIP TOGETHER



*A family takes part in communion during the April service*

***"It's rare, it's shocking, it's extreme, the kind of racial unity we seek ..."***

***— Dr. Wayne Stacy***

Over 1,000 people from in and around Cleveland County gathered on Sunday evening, April 28, on the Gardner-Webb University (GWU) campus to worship at "Racial Unity 2002: A Christian Celebration," a service organizers hope becomes an annual event.

Set in motion by Dr. Marvin Gobble, moderator of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association, and Clinton Feemster, moderator of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association, the event began as a common idea between Gobble, a white pastor of Zoar Baptist in Shelby, and Feemster, a black pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist in Kings Mountain.

With the help of GWU administrators and staff who provided the setting for the historic event, the two men began enlisting nearly 20 area ministers to assist with the program, among them Hispanic, Asian, white and African-American Christian leaders. The two-hour service was capped by a sermon from Dr. Wayne Stacy, dean

of the M. Christopher White School of Divinity at GWU. The evening brought together pastors and church members from several denominations and included Spanish-speaking Christians.

Stacy said in his message, "It's rare, it's shocking, it's extreme, the kind of racial unity we seek ... we're not just talking about replacing an infrastructure ... we're talking about a whole new people."

"I didn't know what to expect," the Rev. Feemster said. "I know what we had hoped, and it exceeded expectations of our object of worship. We had a sense that something's happening."

Nicole Littlejohn of Kings Mountain, whose husband, Lamont Littlejohn, was on the program, said she came "because when we get to heaven, it's going to be a gathering, it's not going to be a color thing."

With 8-month-old daughter LMia in her arms, she added, "I think we ought to do this more often. It will make a difference in what kind of world she grows up in."



## 'HERITAGE AWARD' RECOGNIZES COMMITMENT OF WADE SHEPPARD

The N.C. Baptist Foundation and the Council on Christian Higher Education jointly sponsored an event for 27 years in which a North Carolina Baptist has been recognized as the "N.C. Baptist Philanthropist of the Year."

The recipients of that award have been worthy of that special recognition. They have been people who personify outstanding examples of generosity and determination. They have served as points of inspiration for others to consider investing parts of their lives in one of the strategic aspects of our life as NC Baptists. We are indebted to those who have been recognized and honored in that way.

Last year, however, a transition was made, and the "NC Baptist Heritage Award" was introduced for each Baptist college in the state to recognize a special individual. The winner of that distinction from Gardner-Webb was Wade Sheppard.

"It is through the heritage of commitment and exemplary service from people like

Wade Sheppard that we are able to move toward the future with a high degree of confidence," said Dr. Drew Van Horn, GWU vice president for university relations.

The 'NC Baptist Heritage Award' is based upon each agency, institution and General Board of the Baptist State Convention nominating someone who has made a genuine difference in the life of their organization.

In a letter nominating Sheppard for the award, GWU President Dr. Chris White said, "Wade learned from his father, a merchant, how to operate a small business. Through uncanny wisdom and hard work, Wade developed a strong hosiery operation and foam rubber business in Hickory, North Carolina. Wade's wisdom and business sense, coupled with his commitment to quality education for future pastors and church staff members, have made Wade a valued trustee for Gardner-Webb University and a highly esteemed leader at Penelope Baptist Church in Hickory."

Sheppard has had a particularly strong role in shaping the growth, achieving of accreditation, and the securing of finances for the M. Christopher White School of Divinity at GWU. Sheppard is currently a second-term trustee at Gardner-Webb.

*Wade Sheppard was honored with the 2002 Heritage Award at the Grandover Hotel in Greensboro, NC. He and his family were hailed as outstanding supporters of Gardner-Webb and Christian higher education during the event.*



## Christian Scholarship At Its Finest ...



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## DR. GAYLE PRICE'S NEW TITLE: THE FLEMING-WHITE PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

At GWU's annual year-end employee luncheon, Apples and Accolades, the University's educator of the year award was presented, service awards were given to faculty and staff who had completed a decade or more at GWU, retirees were recognized, and the male and female staff members of the year were honored.

**Dr. Gayle Price**, professor of English, was honored with the Gardner-Webb Fleming-White Excellence in Teaching Award, which is voted on by faculty, staff and students and recognizes the outstanding faculty member of the past academic year. The award, which was begun by President Chris White and his wife, Linda, in 1987 is named in honor of their parents. A \$1000 cash gift and a

plaque accompany the recognition.

Price is past chair of the Department of English Language and Literature and has served as director of the university's Writing Center. A student who nominated Price for the prestigious award wrote, "Her main goal was for us to become better writers. She did not make distinctions between the students who could write well and those who could not. We didn't even know who she considered to be the strongest writers in the class ... she encouraged all equally."

Danny Davis, assistant vice president for business and information systems manager, was named Male Staff Member of the Year, and Vickie Webb-Morrison, administrative assistant for student

development, was honored as Female Staff Member of the Year. The awards, said Dr. White, recognize those who have demonstrated longevity, integrity and, above all, "the character of the university."

Nine faculty and staff were recognized with 10-year service awards, and three – Shirley Pyron, Joyce Summers, and Sarah Elam – were given 25-year service awards.

Four retirement awards were presented – Dr. Marvin Taylor, Sarah Elam, Joyce Summers and Mae Walton. Each was presented with an engraved Gardner-Webb captain's chair.

*Dr. Gayle Price receives her award in the president's office.*



## "STAY CONNECTED" FAMILY WEEKEND 2002

Parents, students, and family members are encouraged to participate in GWU's Family Weekend September 13-15, 2002. Family Weekend is an opportunity for families to "connect" to GWU life on campus ... to "connect" to other GWU families ... to "connect" to faculty and staff.

Various events are planned, including the traditional Senior Pinning Ceremony and Staff/Faculty Talent Show. A reception will be held for students and families on Friday afternoon. On Saturday, students and parents will have the opportunity to "connect" with faculty and alumni about career options for the future. Students and families are invited for some Carolina barbecue and bluegrass music followed by a Runnin' Bulldog football game. On Sunday, GWU students and the Gospel Choir will lead in a time of praise, prayer, and worship. It is sure to be a "connecting" time for all, so don't be the missing piece! For a Family Weekend brochure or to register online, contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations at (704) 406-3824 or visit our website at [www.alumni.gardner-webb.edu](http://www.alumni.gardner-webb.edu)



*Senior Pinning is a highlight of Family Weekend.*

### Friday, September 13

5 p.m. – "Get Connected" registration  
Office of Alumni & Parent Relations

5 p.m. – "Be Connected" GWU Family Reception  
Concourse, Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center

6:30 p.m. – "Stay Connected for a Lifetime"  
Senior Pinning Banquet and Ceremony  
Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center

8 p.m. – "Bits and Pieces of the Puzzle"  
Annual Staff/Faculty Talent Show  
Dover Theatre

### Saturday, September 14

Morning hours – "Stay Connected as a Family"  
with options such as swimming, tennis, shopping  
Broyhill Adventure Course and Suttle Wellness  
Center activities

3 p.m. – "Networking for the Future" with a career  
fair involving faculty and alumni in the Lutz-Yelton  
Convocation Center

4 p.m. – "Stay Connected in Fun and Fellowship"  
during a Barbecue and MusicFest at Lake Hollifield

6 p.m. – Stay Connected in Bulldog Spirit" as GWU  
plays E. Tennessee St. in football

### Sunday, September 15

10 a.m. – "Stay Connected in Prayer, Praise and  
Worship" at a student-led worship service in the  
Dover Chapel

**We won't be complete without you!**

## HOMEcoming, NOVEMBER 1-2

## HOMEcoming 2002: GARDNER-WEBB USA BULLDOG TRADITION, AMERICAN PRIDE

Homecoming 2002 promises to be more eventful than ever as plans are being made that celebrate nearly a century of GWU tradition with American Pride. Pack your red, white, blue, and Bulldog spirit too and join us November 1-2.

Activities include:

### Friday, November 1

- Golf Tournament
- Alumni and Student Reception
- GWU Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet
- Powder-Puff Football Game and Bonfire
- Concert on the Quad

### Saturday, November 2

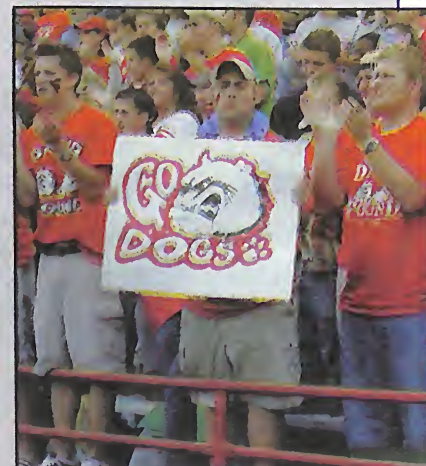
- Memorial & Remembrance Service at Lake Hollifield
- "Tradition Walks" & Campus Tours
- "Cars & Stripes" Tailgating Events
- Homecoming Parade
- GWU Bulldogs vs. University of Tenn.-Martin
- Gallery of Distinguished Graduates Banquet
- Student and Alumni dance
- Alumni Social
- Activities for children

As part of our Homecoming celebrations, we would like to honor and remember those alumni who have served (or are serving) our country in the military. Please let us know who these alumni are.

**For more info about  
Homecoming 2002 or to  
share ideas for upcoming  
events contact:**

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# New Charlotte Campus Officially Opened To Public This Spring

*"In most of those places we teach classes in a community college or school building and we're there as a guest," said Dr. Frank Bonner. "But with the Charlotte campus ... the building is ours to do with as we choose."*

Gardner-Webb is branching out again. After opening a new branch in Statesville last August, it opened the doors on a new home in Charlotte in early April.

"This gives us a genuine presence in the Charlotte area and in the Charlotte business community. I think it shows we're serious about being here," said Dr. Frank Bonner, provost and senior vice president of GWU.

Gardner-Webb had previously offered classes in Charlotte at local hospitals and other various locations, but the college owns the new building in a business park on Airport Center Parkway, just off Billy Graham Parkway. "It's much better to be in control. The building is ours to do with as we choose," said Bonner.

"GWU at Charlotte" offers classes to undergraduates at night under the GOAL program. The new Charlotte location also offers courses in the Graduate School of Business as well as the nursing program. The college currently offers classes in 16 locations throughout the region.

"In most of those places we teach classes in a community college or school building and we're there as a guest," said Bonner. "But with the Charlotte campus, we think it's a great location that is easy to find and easy to get to."

Bonner said the permanent home in Statesville has offered the branch the opportunity to get involved in the community through service groups and civic organizations formed at the university.

The new Charlotte facility is at 4948 Airport Center Parkway, Suite D. The site is just off Billy Graham Parkway and Morris Field Drive. If you would like more information about the GOAL program, call (800) 288-4625 or for the Graduate School of Business, call (800) 457-4622.



*The official opening of GWU at Charlotte highlighted by a reception and a ribbon-cutting. Classes for students in the GOAL Program then were held as scheduled.*



## New Director for Divinity Center

The M. Christopher White School of Divinity welcomes Dr. Danny M. West as director of its Center for Congregational Enrichment. The Center, established in 1999 as an auxiliary of the School of Divinity, offers support services to the local church and has traditionally provided ministerial referral services, travel/study opportunities, continuing education for ministers, and theological education for laypersons.



When West assumes full-time leadership of all the Center's programs beginning in May, however, the Center's mission will be significantly enlarged as a result of a \$1.25 million grant by the Lilly Endowment to develop a program for nurturing the call to ministry among teenagers. Called "The Lilly Ministerial Vocation Program for Youth," the program will work with youth who have experienced a call to ministry in an attempt to create an infrastructure for fostering and developing that call.

West also will serve on the School of Divinity's resident faculty as Associate Professor of Pastoral Studies. Dr. West comes from the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes where he served as Regional Vice President for East Tennessee. He has extensive pastoral experience, having served churches in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Indiana.

## SIMMONS, NEGBENEBOR ELEVATED TO DEAN POSITIONS

This spring Dr. Chris White announced the appointment of Dr. Donna Simmons as the new dean of the GWU School of Education and Dr. Anthony Negbenebor as associate dean of the GWU Graduate School of Business.

Both appointments represent promotions for the two faculty members. Simmons previously served as chair of the Department of Education and Negbenebor was director of the Graduate School of Business.

President White explained the new titles were a recognition of Simmons' and Negbenebor's notable results with the quality of their respective programs, increased recognition and enrollment in their programs, and their revered status among faculty, staff and administrators.

Simmons has been recognized in her field for elevating GWU's teacher education program into one of North Carolina's strongest, according to ratings assigned by the N.C. Department of Education. She has led the effort to reestablish a middle grades education program at GWU as well as new initiatives for increased student and

faculty diversity within the School of Education. In addition, Simmons serves to direct the accreditation process for the GWU education programs.

Negbenebor has developed the Master of Business

Administration (MBA) Program at GWU into one of the five largest in the state and has consistently led the effort to add new graduate business offerings such as the new master's of accounting and master's of international business degrees.

Negbenebor also helped develop the combination MBA/Master of Divinity degree, one of the first of its kind at any institution. In addition, he has coordinated the presence of the Graduate School of Business in off-campus locations such as Winston-Salem, Statesville, and Spartanburg, SC.

"Dr. Simmons and Dr. Negbenebor typify the strongest characteristics of Gardner-Webb faculty," White said of the appointments. "Both are tireless leaders. They are dedicated to scholarship, improvement of self and instruction and, above all, character education."

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## WINTER TRUSTEE MEETING CONFIRMS TENURE, PROMOTIONS FOR FACULTY

Announced at the winter trustee meeting were promotions and the awarding of tenure for faculty members.

Promoted to

associate professor were **Dr. Ken Baker** (physical education), **Dr. Rebecca Beck-Little** (nursing), **Dr. Tamara Cox** (French), and **Dr. Matt Theado** (English).

Promoted to assistant professor was **Chris Parsons** (communication studies).

Those receiving tenure were **Dr. Kent Blevins** (religion), **Dr. Tamara Cox** (French), **Dr. Lorin Cranford** (religion), **Dr. Charles Moore** (Spanish), **Dr. Donna Simmons** (education), **Dr. Matt Theado** (English), and **Dr. Ron Williams** (religion).

*Dr. Charles Moore was among those faculty members receiving tenure this spring. Moore also this year was named the new chair of the Foreign Language Department, succeeding Dr. Marvin Taylor.*







## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS INDUCTS MORE INTO ALUMNI RANKS

Following what has become a campuswide tradition, the Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program closed the 2001-2002 academic year by honoring its graduates with a banquet and pinning ceremony. Here, Billy Chen allows his father, Edward, to do the honor of placing the pin, an act that symbolizes a graduate's selection of a person

who has supported him or her through the pursuit of the GWU program.

# M.B.A.

**H**o hum.

Just another day at the office for the Gardner-Webb SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) team, which matched original business proposals and outreach projects this spring with universities from across the Southeast and came away as champions.

GWU took the prize over schools such as Clemson and USC.

Taking classroom knowledge and applying it to real-life situations, the GWU team demonstrated to judges how the team took new ideas and creatively marketed and promoted them. The team was required also to demonstrate how it used its knowledge to better the surrounding communities through outreach projects.

SIFE is a non-profit

organization that emphasizes the principles of free enterprise by providing learning opportunities for college students through partnerships with businesses and business leaders.

This year's group presented two ideas at the

competition: helping people become credit free and setting up a business incubator to nurture small businesses.

Added benefits to the competition are career fairs sponsored by SIFE. Employers like

Wal-Mart, one of SIFE's sponsors, IBM, Microsoft and several other Fortune 500 companies attend the competitions to attract SIFE participants.

Next up for the group is a trip to Kansas City, Mo., for the national championship.

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## OF MEDICINE AND MISSIONS

'OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME' DRAWS FUTURE DOCTOR TO AFRICA

One GWU student has jungle fever. And not only does he have it, but he hopes to cure it.

Nick Bodenheimer, a rising junior from High Point, NC, is traveling to South Africa this summer to learn about the science of medicine half a world away.

Selected to be a part of a program known as the "International Mission on Medicine," Nick will be spending 16 days in universities, hospitals and villages learning about helping others through medicine.

"I received a letter about this mission and nominated Nick," says Dr. Tim Zehnder, chair for the Department of Natural Sciences. "The program is for students who are thinking of becoming physicians. I nominated Nick because he seems to love his classes and wants to be a doctor."

Nick is studying biology as his major and is working toward a chemistry minor. Going to South Africa will give him the chance to see a different view of not only medicine, but the world. His itinerary includes such topics as "Doctors in the Bush," "Primary care and community health," and "Doctor-patient relationships."

His trip includes studying everything from pediatrics and obstetrics to traditional medicine, rural health care, and cancer, among others.

When he's not learning about the principals of surgical oncology, ecosystems, or tuberculosis, he will be touring Cape Town, Johannesburg, the "African Bush" and even participate in a safari.

Once he was invited to be a part of the program, Nick says he was given several options.

He could choose to go to Australia, South Africa or China.

"It's kind of interesting how it all worked out. I wanted to visit Australia but several other people said they felt like South Africa was where I needed to go. I decided to write down Australia as my first choice and South Africa as my second and God would put me where I needed to be. I later learned that the Australia trip was full and I knew God wanted me to be in South Africa."

Nick is one of 60 other students from across America who will also be going to South Africa, Australia and China.

In a letter to Dr. Zehnder, the International

**Selected to be a part of a program known as the "International Mission on Medicine," Nick will be spending 16 days in South African universities, hospitals and villages learning about helping others through medicine.**

Mission on Medicine described the trip as an educational adventure: "This summer, the students you nominate will join with about 60 other exceptional college students from across America, dedicated young men and women who share their

*dreams – and perhaps their uncertainties as well – for an extraordinary premedical experience that will change their lives and add to their academic profile. Your students will find this cultural and career opportunity to be a time of mentorship, reflection and learning that will ignite their enthusiasm, help them define their goals and focus their energies as they are inspired by leaders in today's medical profession ... your students will return from this once-in-a-lifetime adventure of self-discovery filled with a new confidence and an even greater desire to pursue a medical career."*

Nick says simply that he's grateful to have such an opportunity.

"I am excited to see how other countries practice medicine. It will give me a different perspective. I see this trip as a way to learn how to interact with different people and cultures, and gain a different view on medicine."

Dr. Zehnder agrees that from a medical perspective this trip will have certain benefits for Nick.

"He will have the chance to see a lot of



things, and the more experience you have the better."

Nick adds that the trip is also a blessing. "God is giving me an opportunity of a lifetime ... something not many are able to do."



## MEMORIES OF ME ...

### A May Graduate Looks At Four Years Passed

by Sarah Shong '02

As I think about graduation and reflect on the past four years of my life, I am at awe of the hand of God.

In Jeremiah 1:5, it states, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart, I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Psalm 139:16 states, "All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

These two verses have been extremely real to me in the past few months. They have become real because without God, nothing is possible. Without God being in ultimate control over my life, the past four years specifically, I would not have been able to walk across the stage on May 11, 2002.

Jeremiah 29:11 states, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." It is a verse that many use at

**For four years, I have been surrounded by Christian friends, professors, work-study bosses and staff. In a few months, I am going to start over, trying to again find my place in the world.**

graduation speeches and celebrations for a turning point in someone's life.

As I reflect back on my years in college and before, I am reminded of this verse and how God keeps his promises. I am reminded that although I have one plan, which normally doesn't work out, God has yet another. I am reminded that it is by His strength that I have been able to make it.

My four years at Gardner-Webb have been a journey. From the very first time I set foot on Gardner-Webb, my life has drastically changed. I have heard God described as a "traffic man," carefully mapping out one's direction to avoid congestion. That is how it has been in my life, especially in these past four years.

When I think about graduating from college and finally entering the real world, I have to honestly say that I am terrified. In many of Dr. Cullinan's religious education classes, we discussed how important it is to have a support system. I have never realized how true that really is. The support that I have

received over the past few years have been amazing. The professors, friends, roommates and staff that I have met on my journey have carefully shaped me into the woman I am today.

A quote in our time tracker this year was, "no one is ever truly alone. Just

as each rock bears the mark of the countless winds and water, we all contain echoes of the people who have mattered in our lives."

In my future, my life will echo the experiences I am taking with me from Gardner-Webb. Here, I have learned the value of a "personal" relationship with Jesus. The value of taking your traditional religious experiences and making them your own; of evaluating what you believe and why you believe it; how you can't love God and others without loving yourself. These are just a few lessons I will be taking with me from my time at GWU.

For four years, I have been surrounded by Christian friends, professors, work-study bosses and staff. In a few months, I am going to start over, trying to again find my place in the world.

When we are younger, we dream of the day when we finish school and get to have a career. We dream of what we want to be "when we grow up."

Sometimes those plans work out, sometimes they don't. In June, I am embarking on a new journey - I have felt the call to teach abstinence education.

God really does have plans for us. He knows exactly where we are going to be in five years, what lessons we need to learn, what friends we are going to make and so on. He has set each one of us apart and given us a role in his kingdom. While we may not know those plans and roles, God does. In the past four years, I have seen that in my life.

Ephesians 3:20 states, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

I challenge everyone reading this to reflect back on their college experience at Gardner-Webb and life in general. Reflect on how God has placed his hand on your life and formed you to be the person you are today. My life would be dramatically different if I had not made a decision to place God as a priority in my life. During my twenty-two years, there has not been one time when God has left me or made me do something or go through something on my own.

When I think back through my life, especially my past four years, I can only be extremely grateful for the time I have spent at Gardner-Webb. I have not only received a double major in religion and psychology but have found many wonderful friends, mentors and myself. God has already done far more than I could have ever imagined in my life and I am excited to embark on a new journey and a new and exciting career for him.

I am ready to take on the world and change it one person at a time.

*(Sarah Jo Shong is from Harrisburg, NC. She graduated with a religious studies/psychology degree.)*

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# THE MAN WHO WOULDN'T PLAY

## GWU's Richard Williams Spurns the NFL and Certain Millions To Pursue His Own Goals

Gardner-Webb football player Richard Williams, projected to be selected as high as the third round in this spring's NFL Draft (April 20-21), withdrew his name from consideration just days before the draft and will not pursue a professional football career.

The Charlottesville, Va., native, who starred on the offensive line, was an honorable mention I-AA All-America selection and a first-team All-Independent selection in 2001 for the Runnin' Bulldogs, helping the team to one of its best offensive seasons in recent memory. A sociology major, Williams will continue to pursue his degree at Gardner Webb with plans to graduate and seek a position in the field of strength and conditioning.

Williams was listed by NFL scouts and draft experts as the second strongest offensive lineman in America who was eligible for the draft, so it's no surprise the student-athlete feels a future as a professional weight lifter could be a possibility for him. Williams bench presses 540 pounds and has posted squat-lifts of nearly 700 pounds. A close friend of the player said Williams may even seek opportunities to use his physical gifts as part of the Christian ministry. No matter what lies ahead, Williams has the support and encouragement of all on the GWU campus.

"As a program, we support Richard's decision to decline the opportunity to play football on the professional level," said Gardner-Webb head coach Steve Patton. "It is a tough decision for many to understand, but Richard's first love is not football. His desire is to pursue a career as a power lifter or as a strength and conditioning coach. He is being honest about his wishes. To make this decision takes a tremendous amount

of bravery and courage on his part, especially in a day and age when money is such a primary part of most athletes' focus. Richard wants to do something that makes him happiest, which should be saluted. He made the right choice for himself, and is at peace with that decision."

Williams made the decision April 5th following a flight to Miami, FL, to work out with the Miami Dolphins. A total of 20 teams watched Williams work out privately in Boiling Springs, N.C., on March 27, and the results of that workout were solid, with many experts predicting the 6-foot-3, 338-pound Williams would be among the top 100 picks taken in the draft. In fact, the Dolphins were so taken with Williams' abilities that the team was planning to draft him with its first pick, or 90th overall. Traditional signing bonuses for players selected that high range from \$500,000-\$750,000, with contracts usually offered in the range of \$3 million to \$4 million.

Ken Jones, GWU offensive line coach, explained that because Williams had no real desire to be in the NFL he did not want a team to invest its time and money on someone whose heart was not in it.

"There's real honor in that," said Jones. "I have always said I hope my two little boys grow up to be like Rich, and I still say that today."

GWU Provost Dr. Frank Bonner said, "Richard's decision took so much character that he perhaps accomplished more for Gardner-Webb's reputation by walking away from the NFL than by playing in it."

Williams would have been the third Gardner-Webb player drafted by the NFL since 1994, joining former Green Bay Packer Gabe Wilkins (1994, 4th round) and former New Orleans Saints wide receiver Terry Guess (1996, 5th round).

### What They're Saying About Richard Williams' Decision:

• **Skip Wood, columnist, USA Today:** "Bank robber. Disinterested NFL draft pick. As far as Gardner-Webb University senior Rich Williams is concerned, one isn't that much different from the other. Williams, you see, doesn't really like football. And the highly regarded offensive lineman certainly doesn't like it enough to consider making it a career, the potential for a mega-bucks contract notwithstanding ... Williams said that would have been like stealing, almost like robbing a bank, and there's no honor in that."

• **Ralph Friedgen, head coach, Univ. of Maryland:** "Good for him ... that shows there are honest people in the world."

• **Richard Williams:** "I came here to get a degree, not (play in) the NFL, and you can only hide how you feel for so long ... money doesn't make me happy and, to me, money isn't the true meaning of success. It's family. It's people who love you. It's being true to yourself. If you're not true to yourself, how can you be true to anything?"

## THE FUTURE IS NOW: TRANSITION TO ELITE STATUS IS COMPLETE THIS FALL

When September 1, 2002 rolls around, the two-year, mandated provisional status for Gardner-Webb University's athletics teams will be lifted and the Runnin' Bulldogs will be officially reclassified as NCAA Division I.

What exactly does this mean? First, Gardner-Webb will be eligible for Atlantic Sun Conference and NCAA Division I Championships in all sports other than men's basketball. Men's basketball and football would technically be eligible for at-large bids to their respective national tournaments/playoffs, but neither will be eligible for an automatic bid in 2002-2003. The NCAA places more stringent waiting periods on men's basketball for automatic bids to the Division I National Tournament and football (a member of the Big South conference because the Atlantic Sun does not sponsor football) must have six teams in its conference playing together for five seasons to be considered for an automatic bid to the I-AA playoffs.

If a Track & Field student-athlete, such as rising senior Sylvia Chelimo, were to post a qualifying mark in an event in 2002-2003, she would compete at the NCAA Division I Championship meet. This past indoor season, Chelimo posted NCAA Division I provisional qualifying marks in three events (1-mile run, 3,000m run and 5,000m run), but could not compete at the NCAA Division I meet due to the Bulldogs' provisional status. Chelimo, from Kampala, Uganda, is expected to challenge for an individual title in Cross Country this fall.

If the Gardner-Webb women's soccer team, which posted a 15-6-1 record in 2001,

and beat A-Sun champion Campbell during the regular season, won the Atlantic Sun Conference tournament, the Lady Bulldogs would pick up an automatic bid to the NCAA Division I Tournament.

### When September 1, 2002 rolls around ... the Runnin' Bulldogs will officially be reclassified as NCAA Division I.

In addition, March 1 marks the arrival of legendary coach Lefty Dreisell on campus as his Georgia State squad battles GWU.

The 2002-2003 academic year marks the official arrival of Gardner-Webb University onto the NCAA Division I scene. With many Bulldog teams already making a splash against Division I competition over the past two years, defeating the likes of Colorado State in men's basketball, New Hampshire in football, Georgia in baseball and quality Division I foes in several other sports, the future is bright in Boiling Springs.

Gardner-Webb will be given an RPI (Ratings Percentage Index) in several sports, specifically men's basketball and baseball. The Ratings Percentage Index makes Gardner-Webb a more attractive opponent for larger Division I schools, such as Tennessee, Clemson and Georgia Tech. All three schools will host Gardner-Webb's men's basketball team next season. In





## GWU SPORTS TICKER

### NEW COACHES FOR BASEBALL, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

GWU Vice President for Athletics Chuck Burch announced in May that **Barry Street** would take over as head women's basketball coach at the school, replacing Eddie McCurley.

McCurley resigned his position in May to pursue interests in the private business sector.

"The decision to elevate Barry into the head coaching position was an easy one," said Burch, "and I feel that he is ready to lead our women's basketball program into its first season of Atlantic Sun Conference competition and beyond."

Street, who came to Gardner-Webb this past season after a three-year stint as head women's coach at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C., has an impressive resume.

During his career at JC Smith, Street posted a 56-28 record and led the Golden Bulls to the CIAA tournament semifinals for the first time in 10 seasons in 2000-2001. In 1999-2000, Street directed JC Smith to a school-record 22-5 season and a CIAA Western Division Championship.

McCurley spent seven seasons at the helm of the Gardner-Webb program, posting a 98-97 record. In 18 seasons as a head high school and college coach, McCurley posted a career record of 325-166. This past



season, hampered by a string of injuries and a tough schedule, Gardner-Webb finished with a 3-24 record.

Also this spring **Rusty Stroupe** was named the school's head baseball coach. The head coach at Lander (S.C.) University since 1998, Stroupe will take over for Clyde Miller, who announced his retirement earlier this year. Miller, who has won 314 games at Gardner-Webb in 13 seasons, will remain with the school as an Assistant Athletics Director.

A native of nearby Cherryville, N.C., Stroupe has enjoyed tremendous success during his 12 seasons as a head baseball coach on the collegiate level. In coaching stops at North Greenville (1990-1992), Brevard College (1992-1997) and Lander, Stroupe has posted a 353-227 record.

Stroupe started the baseball program at Lander in 1997, and has directed the Division II Senators to a spot in the national top-25 in each of his five seasons at the helm while picking up 133 wins. In 1999, the Senators posted a 33-15 record and climbed as high as No. 12 in the NCAA Division II national poll.



Stroupe inherits a Gardner-Webb program that has won 127 games over the past four seasons, including a school-record 44 wins in 2000.

Stroupe has won a combined 386 games as a high school and college head coach. While a prep shortstop for Cherryville (N.C.) High and Cherryville's famed

Post 100 American Legion squad, Stroupe played on three state championship squads and was named All-State as a senior in 1982.

He was named North Carolina College Baseball Coach of the Year at Brevard in 1994, helping the Tornados to a 43-15 record, a No. 13 national ranking and an appearance in the NJCAA junior college World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. His 1996 Brevard team set a school record with 46 wins and was ranked as high as fourth nationally in the NJCAA Division I poll.

### FORMER FOOTBALL GREAT MAKES LOCAL HALL OF FAME

At the 37th annual Cleveland County Fellowship of Christian Athletes Sports Hall of Fame banquet this May, former GWU player Charlie Harbison was inducted as its most recent member.

Drafted in 1982 by the Buffalo Bills, he played with the Boston (later New Orleans) Breakers of the

USFL. He twice has come back and served tenures as an assistant at GWU, including the chance to coach one of his younger brothers (James) in 1992-93. He landed with UTEP as a defensive backs coach in 1994. He has been in charge of the secondary at such college powers as Clemson (1995 to '97) and Alabama (1998 to 2000) before enjoying his first season with the LSU Tigers of the Southeastern Conference last fall.

At Alabama and LSU, he's been on the staff of a SEC league champion twice in three years.

## 2002 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE - These dates are tentative. Please refer to [www.gwusports.com](http://www.gwusports.com) for the latest information.

### FOOTBALL

<b>August</b>	
31	Morgan State University, Home 6 p.m.
<b>September</b>	
7	Georgia Southern University, Away 7 p.m.
14	East Tennessee State, Home 6 p.m.
21	Univ. of Tennessee-Chattanooga, Away 7 p.m.
28	Open
<b>October</b>	
5	Liberty University, Away 7 p.m.
12	Elon University, Home 6 p.m.
19	Open
26	Florida International Univ., Away 3:30 p.m.
<b>November</b>	
2	Univ. of Tennessee-Martin, ( <b>Homecoming</b> ) 1:30 p.m.
19	Charleston Southern Univ., Away 1:30PM
16	Savannah State University, Home 1:30 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

<b>August</b>	
30-31	Winthrop Tournament, Rock Hill, SC
<b>September</b>	
3	N.C. A&T, Home
6-7	Furman Tournament, Greenville, SC
6	Furman (Furman Tournament)
7	Ohio University (Furman Tournament)
7	UNC-Wilmington (Furman Tournament)
9	Belmont, Home
10	Citadel, Home
13-14	Samford Tournament, Birmingham, AL
20-21	Boston College Tournament, Boston, MA
20	Memphis (Boston College Tournament)
21	Boston college (Boston College Tournament)
21	Wagner (Boston College Tournament)
27	Georgia State, Atlanta, GA
<b>October</b>	
1	Campbell, Buies Creek, NC
4	Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, FL
5	Stetson, DeLand, FL
10	Florida Atlantic, Home
12	Univ. of Central Florida, Home
14	Mercer, Macon, GA
19	Troy State, Troy, AL
28	Jacksonville State, Home
<b>November</b>	
1	Samford, Home
2	Belmont, Home
5	Winthrop, Home
15-16	A-Sun Tournament, Orlando, FL

#### October

4	danielchapterone/Gardner-Webb Invitational, Home
12	NC Intercollegiate Cross Country Championships, Greenville, NC

#### November

2	A-Sun Conference Championships, Troy, AL
16	NCAA Southeast Regional, Greenville, NC
25	NCAA National Championships, Terre Haute, IN

### MEN'S SOCCER

<b>August</b>	
30	Mt. Saint Mary's, Baltimore, MD
<b>September</b>	
1	Univ. of Maryland-Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD
5	Winthrop University, Home
8	Virginia Tech, Home
14	Mercer, Macon, GA
19	Clemson, Clemson, SC
21	UNC-Wilmington, Wilmington, NC
25	Georgia State, Atlanta, GA
27	Wofford, Spartanburg, SC
30	Belmont, Home
<b>October</b>	
3	Charleston Southern, Home
7	Stetson, Home
12	Florida Atlantic, Boca Raton, FL
14	Jacksonville Univ., Jacksonville, FL
22	Citadel, Home
26	Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA
29	Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC
31	Univ. of Central Florida, Home
<b>November</b>	
3	UNC-Asheville, Asheville, NC
15-16	A-Sun Conference Tournament, Macon, GA

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

<b>September</b>	
2	Troy State, Troy, AL
6	Centenary, Home
7	South Carolina State, Home
10	Liberty University, Home
13	Nicholls State, Hattiesburg, MS
15	Southern Mississippi University, Hattiesburg, MS
19	Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, FL
21	Stetson University, Daytona Beach, FL
24	Samford University, Home
29	Jacksonville State, Home
<b>October</b>	
2	Charleston Southern University, Home
9	UNC-Asheville, Asheville, NC
17	Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
19	Mercer University, Macon, GA
24	Belmont University, Home
27	Univ. of Central Florida, Home
30	Campbell, Buies Creek, NC
<b>November</b>	
2	Florida Atlantic University, Home
7-9	A-Sun Conference Tournament, Buies Creek, NC

### CROSS COUNTRY

<b>September</b>	
7	Eye Opener Invitational, Spartanburg, SC
27	Great American Cross Country Festival (Charlotte, NC)



# GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

*The Gallery of Distinguished Graduates seeks to recognize Gardner-Webb alumni who represent the University in such a way that they have brought honor and positive attention to their alma mater. Those who are recognized have their photos and career descriptions displayed prominently in the Dover Campus Center on the Boiling Springs campus. The University extends its deepest appreciation to all alumni who have helped GWU gain the reputation of being a character-building institution.*



**Diane C. Brooks (B.A. '73)** has been choral director at Crest Middle School since 1990 and the North Carolina Honor Chorus Coordinator for 11 years. She received the Richard Chiseler N.C. teacher of the Year Award for 200-2001. She and her husband, Kenneth, reside in Shelby.



**Joseph Allen Freeman (B.S. '84)** is president of Duncan's Inc. in Greenville, SC, and was previously vice president of the First Union Corporation from 1984-1997. A member of First Baptist Church in Greenville, he and his wife, Julie, have two children, Cam and Betsy.



**Barbara B. Hendrix (M.A. '89)** is a teacher at Wiley Middle School in Winston-Salem, NC. A member of the National Education Association, among many other organizations, she was the Winston-Salem/ Forsyth County Outstanding Math Teacher for 2000. She and her husband, E. Phillip, live in Lewisville, NC.



**Terry L. Ledford (B.S. '75)** is president and practicing psychologist of Woodridge Psychological Associates P.A. in Rutherfordton, NC. Previously he received the Outstanding Faculty Award from Alfred University and the Mental Health Association Award in Rutherford County. He and his wife, Sheila, live in Forest City, NC.



**Julia Jackson Strange (B.S. '82)** is president/owner of Julie Strange Designs, an interior design business. Previously she was a realtor and property manager. An active community member, Julie lives in Richmond, VA, with her husband, Anthony, and their children, Ashely Brooke, Corrie Adam and Carson Elizabeth.



**Dr. J. Ronald Wright (A.A. '69, B.A. '71)** is Vice President for Academic Programs at Cleveland Community College. Having served in many capacities at the College, he also has been a teacher and campus supervisor in Union Mills, NC. A magna cum laude graduate from GWU, he resides in Shelby with his wife, Sandra.

## Gambia's Accomplished Son

The providence of Gambia fathered its first blind native to receive a doctoral degree when **Mamadi Corra '93** and '95 received the degree in May. The soft spoken gentleman with numerous credentials to his name is quick to shift the focus of his achievements from himself to those who have helped him along the

way. He does admit, however, that his success comes from a combination of determination and the help he received from Gardner-Webb, especially the Noel Program (GWU's program for assisting the hearing and sight impaired).

Dr. Mamadi Corra came to America as a high school exchange student. He was visually impaired from birth, but lost his sight entirely during surgery that was hoped to help correct his vision while an undergraduate student at Gardner-Webb. He not only finished out that semester, but continued on to receive his undergraduate degree from GWU with a double major in business and sociology, an MBA degree also from Gardner-Webb, and now the doctoral degree from the University of South Carolina (USC).

He currently works as a professor at USC. Corra says he could not have made it without the assistance of the faculty, staff and students he experienced at the Boiling Springs campus.

*While he is doing well in America, he hopes to return to Gambia one day, using his knowledge to assist those in his native country. "I want to help the people at home."*



"When I first went (to USC), I didn't have the infrastructure that they have here. My first semester (in the doctoral program at USC) was basically as a Gardner-Webb student instead of a USC student."

Staff and volunteers from Gardner-Webb continued to provide some of the same services they gave Dr. Corra while an undergraduate and graduate student. Sharon Jennings has been a part of the GWU staff since Dr. Corra's first days here. She said, "Dr. Corra is not only an intelligent person, but he is also kind, caring and courageous. Our staff feels blessed that we have been allowed to be part of his many life experiences."

Dr. Corra has congenital glaucoma, having some sight until 1992. Some of his other family members, which includes three brothers and one sister, still living in Gambia, have vision problems as well. Dr. Corra teaches Introduction to Sociology and Sociology of the Family at USC. While he is doing well in America, he hopes to return to Gambia one day, using his knowledge to assist those in his native country. Dr. Corra states, "I want to help the people at home."

In April, he received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Graduate Study from USC. Additional credits to Dr. Corra's success includes being published in professional journals and giving numerous presentations, including multiple lectures for the American Sociological Association, the Southern Sociological Society, and Annual Group Processing conferences.



# CLASS NOTES

## The '40s

**Reverend Paul T. Brock and Mrs. Brock (formerly Gladys Scoggins)** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary January 13, 2002. A reception was held at Florence Baptist Church in Forest City. Both received educations at Gardner-Webb College. Reverend Brock was ordained at Spencer Baptist Church in 1939 and has been in the ministry for 63 years.

## The '60s

**Vicki Hull Johnson '69 B.S.** is currently working as a self-employed piano instructor in the Durham, NC, area. She can be reached at pianovicki@webtv.net.

## The '70s

**Jack D. King '75 B.S.** earned his Juris Doctor from Barry University School of Law in February. After receiving his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from GWU, he went on to get a Masters of Business Administration from Pfeiffer University. Jack has also completed professional school assigned while serving in the United States Marine Corps for 11 years, where he earned the rank of Major. Jack has been teaching High School and has been *working towards obtaining his professional teaching certificates.* He plans to take the Florida bar exam in July.

**Wanda Kay Poe '78 ADN** is working at Durham Regional Hospital in the special care nursery. She enjoyed the nurses reunion held in May and would love to hear from former classmates. She can be reached at poekatyd@aol.com.

## REMEMBERING LIZZIE LEE

In the Fall 2001 issue of The Web, Mrs. Lizzie Lee Kendrick Dedmond talked about remembering the caring, watchful eye of dorm mother, Miss Curtis, and the fine example of Prof. J.D. Huggins, Boiling Springs High principal. At the age of 98, she was living in the Shelby area surrounded by her family spanning four generations.

On Friday, April 26, "Lizzie Lee" passed away, leaving many to wonder if the 1924 graduate of Boiling Springs High School (the forerunner to GWU) had been the institution's oldest alumnus.

In that fall issue of The Web Lizzie shared their memories of the Boiling Springs High School days and those stories told throughout the generations.

Some of her fondest memories are of the pranks the students would play on dorm mother, Miss Curtis. "Miss Curtis looked after the girls and kept an extra close watch on those who had boyfriends," said Dedmon.

She her husband, the late A.V. Dedmond were well-loved and respected in the Cleveland County community. She began her career as a teacher but later she and her husband established Dedmond Trucking in 1925. Ask Lizzie Lee what she considered herself and she enjoyed calling homemaker her occupation.

In addition to tending to a large family, she was an active member at Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby where she served as a Sunday School teacher and was deeply committed to the Adult Training Union there.

She is survived by a brother, three sons, three daughters, 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

## The '80s

**Jean Parker Lovin '84 B.S.** is employed by CSC, Computer Science Corporation, of Dallas, TX, and of Tokyo, Japan. She is a senior consultant in Financial Services, and has a business assignment in Tokyo. Initially Jean's assignment was for one year, but it has been extended to a minimum of two years. Jean's official home is in Lincolnton, NC. She has four children, and two grandsons.

**Timothy Bray Sigmon '85 B.S.** and wife, Suzette, announce the birth of their second child, Bethany Maree Sigmon, on December 22, 2001. Her older brother, Blake, is 4 years old. Tim manages the Data Center for Carolinas Telco Federal Credit Union. Suzette is a CPA, working from their home. You may reach the Sigmons at sigmoncpa@diapoint.net or visit www.sigmoncpa.com.

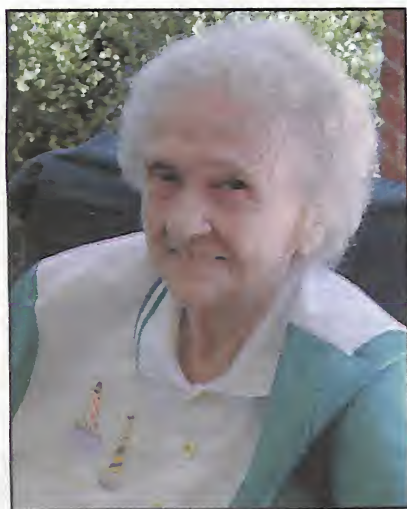
**Kaylynn Watts Poland '86 B.S.** and her husband, Doug, have moved to Tullahoma, TN. After getting her Masters in Social Work from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1991, Kaylynn practiced clinical social work until 1998. She is a stay-at-home mom with two children, Hope and Zachary.

**David Roach '86 B.S.** has just released his second CD, "Elegance on Ivory." He began playing by ear at the age of five. David studied piano under Sarah Moss for ten years. Today he has 35 full time students, is the pianist at Floyd's Creek Baptist Church and is pianist for the gospel group, "In His Glory." On Friday nights, David plays the piano at Caulfield's restaurant in Forest City. David is married to Janet Roach, a nurse at Rutherford Hospital. The couple have two children, Wesley and Ashley.

**John L. Singleton '86 BS, '89 MA** has been appointed as Dean of Students at Bethel Christian Academy in Canton, NC. He resides in Waynesville, and can be reached at johnsingleton@earthlink.net.

**Kim Butler Yandle '86 B.A.** has submitted a correction to her e-mail address: kim@ycsinc.com.

**Cherri Thompson Arnett '87 ADN** has obtained her bachelor's degree in nursing from Lees McRae College. She works as an RN at Watauga Medical Center. Her e-mail address is: plantation@skybest.com.



Lizzie Lee died at age 98

**Adam Higgins '87 BS**, and wife, **Jamie Touchton Higgins '89 BS**, reside in Clemmons, NC. Adam has accepted a promotion to buyer, packaging for Bali and Playtex, and moves from Sara Lee Hosiery to the sister division of Sara Lee Intimate Apparel in Winston-Salem.

**Janet Berry '89 BS**, owner of Frame Masters Gallery in Shelby, NC, was recently chosen by the Shelby Chamber of Commerce as "Entrepreneur of the Year 2001". Janet launched her business in 1976, and has risen to national recognition in her profession. The award is chosen by nominations of her peers and votes from the Chamber committee.

**Todd Capps '89 B.S.** and wife, **Kimberly Wilson Capps '91 B.S.**, announce the birth of their daughter, Carrington Elizabeth, born October 1, 2001. Carrington has a big sister, Paige Marie, age three. They live in Hermitage, TN, and can be reached at paigebandmommy@yahoo.com.

**Amy Warren '89 B.S.** and husband Oliver are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Rebekah Catherine, on July 20, 2001. Amy is a teacher with the Wake County School District. Amy can be reached at awarren4th@hotmail.com.

## The '90s

**Jimmy T. Douangdara '90 B.A. GOAL** and wife, Thong, announce the birth of their son, Michael Jay, on March 9th, 2002. Michael was 6 lb and 15 oz. Jimmy is an educator with Overlook Middle School in Massachusetts. Their e-mail address is: jdouangdara@awrds.org.

**R. Shawn "Flounder" Lewis '90 B.A.** has been named the editor of the Richmond County Daily Journal in Rockingham, NC. He was formerly the editor of Ohio Valley Publishing Company in Gallipolis, OH, where his three daily newspapers claimed four national journalism awards and three national runners-up in 201. His newspapers are featured in "Day of Terror," a New York Times bestseller that highlights America's best front pages from Sept. 11, 2001. In addition, Lewis' front page from the day America attacked Afghanistan, a dramatic piece entitled "PAYBACK," will be featured in an upcoming best practices book by the American Press Institute. Lewis also had a spot news photograph chosen as msnbc.com's first international Photo of the Week in 2002. The photo, which depicts a Jeep Cherokee lodged in the second-floor of a house, was tapped Photo of the Month by The Ohio Associated Press. Lewis is married to the former Dawn Jests '92 BA, and the couple have two children: Breeanna, 6, and Zachary, 2. They reside in Ellerbe, NC. E-mail: gobraves68@carolina.rr.com.

**Karen Biddix Thomson '90 B.S., '91 M.A.** and husband, Jay Thomson, announce the birth of their second child, Jason Lee Thomson, on March 22, 2002. Their first child, Katie Diane, was born in December of 2000. The couple resides in Sherrills Ford and can be reached at Kthomson68@aol.com.

**Garry Mitchell '91 BA** graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in December 2001. He earned a master of arts in Christian education. He will be serving as a church pastor and chaplain.

**Erik Delewin Cummings '92 BA** was recently installed as senior pastor of the New Life Baptist Church of Carol City, Florida. The church has several ministries, including being home to the New Life Baptist School, one of Miami-Dade County's leading primary Christian schools. He and his wife, Monique Nichol, live in Miami, and can be reached at pastor@newlifecarolcity.org.

**Dawn Jests Lewis '92 B.A.** has relocated to Ellerbe, NC, with her husband, R. Shawn Lewis '90 BA, and their two children. Dawn was formerly the office manager at the Gallia County Chamber of Commerce in Gallipolis, OH. In that capacity, she managed the day-to-day operations of the Gallia County Safety Council and the Gallipolis Retail Merchants

## 2002 SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON DATE SET

The Seventeenth Annual Scholarship Luncheon and Reception has been scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2002 in Lindsay Court of the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center

- Reception begins at 11:30 a.m.
- Lunch begins at noon.

Association, as well as overseeing the Chamber of Commerce's administrative functions. Following a brief stint as a stay-at-home mom, she plans to re-enter the communications and marketing field in Richmond County, NC. E-mail: moochie1925@carolina.rr.com.

**Reverend Donald R. Helton, Jr. '93 BA, '97 MA** and Beth Presson announce their engagement. Beth is a 1985 graduate of Bob Jones University with a BS degree in Office Administration. She is employed as a legal secretary at Womble, Carlyle in Charlotte. Reverend Helton is the Minister of Music at Grace Baptist Church in Mt. Holly. The wedding will take place Saturday, October 19, 2002, at Grace Baptist Church.

**Kimberly Jones '93 B.S.** and David Gray Alexander were married March 2, 2002, in LA. Kimberly is the vice president of Referral Concepts, Inc., in Atlanta, GA, where David is president. After a trip to Riviera Mayan, Mexico, the couple reside in Marietta, GA, with Kimberly's son, Christian Taylor Jones. They can be reached at kimberly@referrals4life.com.

**Steven Lankford '93 B.S.** and wife, Mary Catherine, announce the birth of their daughter, Eliza Jane, in December 2001. They live in Charleston, SC, with their 3 year old son, Harrison. Steven is employed by New Hope Treatment Center as a therapist / case manager. Mary works as an english teacher. They can be reached at steven1@newhoptreatment.com.

**Rusty Rhyne '93 BS** and his wife announce the birth of their second child, Andrew Ray, on January 3, 2002.

**Michael Alan Jordan '94 B.A.** has been called to serve as pastor of Mulberry Grove Baptist Church in Buckingham, VA, following his attendance at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, TX. Michael is married to Shelby Christine. Michael can be contacted at: michaelAJ@a-t-i.com

**Steve Duncan '95 BS** and wife, Kristina, announce the birth of their third child, Matthew Clark, on January 7, 2002. Steve is head girls varsity basketball coach for Laurens Academy in Laurens, SC. Steve coached the girls to the SC Independent School Association State (SCISA) championship game, where they were state-runner up. He was also named Region II A Coach of the Year and Class A Coach of the Year. He was also named Head Coach of the SCISA North-South Girls All-Star Team. He can be reached at coachsduncan@aol.com.

**Deanna Wise '95 BS** and Kerry Lee McPherson were married February 8, 2002, in Spruce Pine, NC. Deanna is employed by Vanguard Furniture of Conover in their MIS and Sales Support departments. The couple resides in Vale, NC.

**Lori Alyson Champion '96 B.A.** is engaged to be married June 22, 2002, in Memphis, TN. Lori is employed by Bethany Adoption Agency in Nashville, TN, and is a counselor for birth mothers. Joshua is a medical student in Nashville, and plans to pursue a career in the Army. Lori can be reached at allychamp@juno.com.





## LEGACY SOCIETY ENSURES A BRIGHTER TOMORROW



On April 21 the Gardner-Webb Legacy Society was treated to a special performance of the GWU Choral Union under the direction of Dr. Paul J. Etter of the music faculty.

The Choral Union was accompanied by the Charlotte Repertory Orchestra on the GWU campus. Following the performance the Legacy Society members were

paid a special tribute at a reception held in their honor. President White especially thanked them for their present and future commitment to the institution.

The Legacy Society comprises individuals who have informed the university of their plans to include GWU in

their estate plans. The society was created for the purpose of expressing the university's thanks for members' future commitments. The Office of Gift Planning assists individuals in helping them meet their personal and family goals while maximizing their charitable intent for designated or non-designated purposes.

"The Legacy Society exemplifies the importance of will provisions and other planned gifts for Gardner-Webb," according to David Webb, director of major gifts and gift planning. "Most major gifts are a result of gift planning done during one's lifetime. Through the Legacy Society we express our grateful appreciation to individuals and families who make a planned gift in support of our mission."

Featured above are just some of the smiling faces of those in attendance at our most recent Legacy Society celebration. **For more information on how you can become part of this meaningful society, contact David Webb at P.O. Box 997, Boiling Springs, NC 28017 or call 704-406-3975. You may also e-mail him at dwebb@gardner-webb.edu.**

**Kerrie Brooke Connor '96 BSN** was married to Kevin Wayne Brooks on February 9, 2002, at the Green River Plantation. Kerrie is employed as a registered nurse at the Rutherford-Polk Health Department. Kevin is employed by Mastercraft. The couple honeymooned in Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, TN. They make their home in Rutherfordton.

**Robert David Mitchell '96 B.S. GOAL** is working as a correctional superintendent with the NC Department of Correction, Division of Prisons. He and his wife reside in Spruce Pine, NC.

**Frank Shelton, Jr. '96 BA**, is working on Capitol Hill with the Republican National Committee. He works in fund raising for President Bush and the GOP. Frank also is an evangelist and is vice-president of the National Christian Youth Speakers Network

and founder of FRANKLY SPEAKING: Frank Shelton Ministries & Motivational Presentations. He resides in Waldorf, MD, with his wife, Julie Vance, and daughter, Hannah Grace. They can be reached at shelton143@aol.com.

**Denise R. Adams '97 BA** was married to Jun Hyung Lee on July 15, 2001, in Taegu, South Korea. The couple now reside in Westwood, NJ, and can be reached at: de\_adams@hotmail.com.

**Philip Byron Keefe '97** and his wife, Mindy, had a baby girl, Ryley Ann Keefe, on October 12, 2001. She weighed 6 lbs 13 oz and was 18 3/4 inches long. The family now resides in Summerville, SC, and can be reached at: gwu45@yahoo.com

**Christina Leigh Bailey '98 BS** and **Jeremy Lynn Sterling '01 BS** were married December 29, 2001, at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Spencer, NC. Christina graduated from the University of Louisville, KY, in May 2000, with a MS in Exercise Physiology. She is currently employed as an Exercise Specialist at the Emory Clinic HEARTWISE Risk Reduction Program in Atlanta, GA. Jeremy is a graduate student in the Anesthesiology Physician Assistant program at Emory University; graduating August 2003. They reside in Atlanta, GA.

**Ryan Perdue '98 BA** has married Rainee Mills of Portland, OR. Ryan is self-employed. Rainee works as a musician. They reside in Portland and can be reached at ryanrain@earthlink.net.

**James D. Plyler '98 B.S. GOAL** was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant with the North Carolina Highway Patrol. He is stationed in Raleigh at the Training Academy in charge of basic, first line supervisor, and field training. He is married to Carolyn R. Plyler. He can be reached at dplyler@charter.net.

**Kim Welborn '98 BS** is the new director of elections for McDowell

County. She has worked for 6 1/2 years as the deputy elections director and was voted into the new position unanimously.

**Natalie Crosby '99 B.S.** married Chad J. Smith on November 3, 2001, in Gaffney, SC, at Indian Baptist Church. Natalie works in management for Friedman's Jewelers. Chad is a line operator at Beverage Air. The couple can be reached at gwu\_girl99@hotmail.com.

**Heather Tonyaleigh McGee '99 BSN** married Matthew Winston Anderson on March 30, 2002, at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel at Catawba College. Heather works with the intensive care unit of NorthEast Medical Center. Matthew works in the engineering department of the city of Salisbury. After a trip to San Juan and St. Lucia, they live in Concord.

**Katherine E. Watts '99 B.S.** received her master's in Social Work from the University of South Carolina in May 2001. She is currently working at Lexington Medical Center as a medical social worker in the emergency room. Katherine can be reached at: kato022@hotmail.com

## The '00s

**Laura Senter '00 M.Div.** has received further education and training in clinical pastoral education at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington. She serves as Chaplain for Women and Children at Providence/Everett Medical Center in Everett, WA.

**Travis Conn '01 B.S.** is working as a sales representative for Jostens Class Rings and Senior Supplies in Wilmington, NC. He can be reached at gwu22@aol.com.

**Jessica Hames '01 B.S.** married Travis Butler December 22, 2001. Jessica is employed as a fifth-grade teacher at Township Three Elementary School in Shelby. Travis is employed by Broyhill Upholstery in Rutherfordton. After a wedding trip, the couple reside in Cliffside, NC.

**Mishelle Pennington '01 B.S.** is working as a mental health counselor level I at Pathways. Her husband, David Pennington, works with Scott Vending Company. They can be reached at mlockerb@glcmhdds.com.

### Additional Notes

**David Banks**, a Gardner-Webb Advisory Board member, was honored by Shelby Rotarians as the 2002 winner of the Four Way Test Award, one of the most prestigious awards in the club. He has served two years in the Army and is a graduate of NC A&T State University. He has been married to Juliam for 43 years, and they have three children. He has also taught high school history in Shelby and worked for PPG. He serves on several boards including: the Shelby City Board of Adjustment, the YMCA Board of Directors, and is president of the Service with A Thought Toward Others, to name a few.

## Deaths

**Daniel E. "Danny" Fox** died suddenly at the age of 55 at his home on February 17, 2002. He served in the US Army and Army reserves, was a member of the US Army Guard and Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He also worked in the banking field.

**Grace Harmon**, former Gardner-Webb College librarian, died at the age of 72 at Crawley Memorial Hospital on March 12, 2002.

**Sarah Louise Harris** died at the age of 83 at Grace Hospital on November 13, 2001. She graduated from Gardner-Webb College. She had a long teaching career at the NC School for the Deaf in Morganton.

**Linda Faye Hindman '96 BSN**, died of cancer at the age of 54 at her home surrounded by family on February 13, 2002.

**Reverend Marion Lineberger Sr.** died March 12, 2002, at Laurens County Hospital.

**Tom McGraw**, former vice president, died on March 19, 2002.

**Dorothy McLean**, age 48, died December 3, 2001, at Forsyth Medical Center. She was a 1988 graduate of the master's program in physical education.

**William Roy Phelps**, former assistant professor of Spanish at Gardner-Webb, died at the age of 74 at Duke Medical Center. His highest level of education was a doctorate in education in curriculum and language for Spanish, Portuguese and Arabic languages.

**Chester Franklin "Chess" Shelton Jr.**, died at the age of 24 at his home on March 12, 2002.

**Thomas Taylor**, graduate of Gardner-Webb College, died at the age of 68, on March 18, 2002, at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

**Tommy Ray White '82 B.A.**, died March 7, 2002, at the age of 51.

*In the last issue of The Web, we asked for alumni to share their memories of campus as GWU embarks on its centennial celebration ...*

To The Web Magazine,

From the first day of college in August 1965 until the last day in May 1967 is a time I'll never forget ... HAPY dorm was my home the first year and Stroupe the next. Remembering teas (wearing my first hat), wearing dresses (even the red gym outfit looked like a dress), chapel three times a week, being in by seven o'clock, "Mom" Goodwin (the house mother), room checks, studying all night in the parlor, the squawk box calling our names for dates – so many memories!

God blessed me with a college founded on Him – one that provides, then and now, a Christian education. Thank You!

**Paula Jones Harkey**  
class of 1967  
Gardner-Webb Jr. College



### Attention Deaf Students and Student Interpreters:

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE DEAF

Homecoming on November 1-3, 2002, is going to be exciting. This fall is the 25th anniversary of the Program for the Deaf at GWU and many fun activities are being planned for former deaf students and their families.

This will be a weekend full of many opportunities to fellowship with old friends and celebrate the success of the Program for the Deaf over the past 25 years. If you are a former deaf student or student interpreter please contact the Program for the Deaf so your name can be added to the anniversary mailing list. You may contact us at 704-406-4270 or by e-mail at jshealy@gardner-webb.edu.



## MOM INSPIRES ALUM TO CHANGE LIVES OF YOUTH

**Hoyt Bynum Jr.** '93 B.S. is not the type to make excuses. Growing up in a single parent family, he could have succumbed to adversity. But he and his two sisters

succeeded with the help of their mother, the Reverend Naomi Omega Bynum.

"She let us know that we can attain anything we want – be anything we want – (if we) trust in God, work hard and persevere," Bynum said. Referring to his family's situation, he said, "We didn't use that as an excuse."

Bynum's hard work has paid off in success, if success means changing the lives of young people through the positive setting of the Boys and Girls Club of the Sandhills (Southern Pines, NC) as its executive director.

Bynum played football on a full scholarship at GWU. But instead of dreaming of NFL glory and dollars, he worked on his education.

"This led to my ultimate moment: graduating," he says. "It led me into a career working with communities and

young people."

Bynum returned to Hendersonville after college and began working with the Henderson County Boys and Girls Club. During that time, he married Shawna Nichelle Bynum, whom he had met in Asheville.

Since beginning the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Sandhills in October 1998, the club has grown to include 500 members. It serves between 150 to 200 young people a day.

"I believe our youth need to know that adults care and that we need to continue to reinforce the idea that dreams and goals can come true."

Bynum also has taken a talent that could easily have been a career – playing

piano – and used it to bring others joy.

"I started playing at age 5. I've never had a lesson. I just play by ear."

Bynum believes God has given him the ability to play music, saying, "Whatever I hear, I can play. I give credit to God for that gift."

He is minister of music at Harrington Chapel Baptist Church and has conducted many choir workshops for churches throughout the state.

At age 19, Bynum got the chance to play and sing with gospel artist John P. Kee of Charlotte. He played with Kee for three years during college.

"That experience led me to return home and organize a choir in

Hendersonville," Bynum says.

He organized the Greater Victory Mass Choir and directed it for eight years. He credits his mother for giving him "courage and inspiration" to take on new challenges.

Bynum says she instilled a work ethic in her children. She let him know that he should keep striving to be what he wants to be. "If it wasn't for her, I don't now if I could attain my goals," he says. "Everything I am today is from her."

Bynum now tries to return the favor by inspiring young people in the Boys and Girls Club.

"I can relate to a lot of kids here," Bynum says. "Many of them come from single-parent families."

"I'm excited about the possibilities for (these) young people," he added, "as our organization continues to proactively advance our mission to 'inspire, enable and educate young people from all backgrounds and circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.'"

Bynum and his wife have two children. Hoyt Caleb, now 3, and Naomi Rochelle, born this year.

(Reprinted from The Pilot newspaper, Southern Pines.)



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## PARENTS BOARD CLOSES IN ON GOAL

*"To furnish the means of acquiring knowledge is the greatest benefit that can be conferred upon mankind."* – John Quincy Adams

It has been an exciting year for my wife, Rachel, and me to be a part of the Gardner-Webb family. We have met so many wonderful and generous parents this past year. As we finish another school year and close our fiscal year, we want to thank everyone who has given financially to the Parents' Fund. At the beginning of the school year, we established a goal of \$17,000 to be raised for scholarship support assistance to qualifying GWU students. Presently, we have raised \$14,000 with dollars still coming in before our June 30th deadline.

I would like to share with you two students' responses to receiving scholarship assistance:

*"Had I not received some assistance, I would not have been able to look into Gardner-Webb."* – Haven Wagner, Business Admin. major, Charlotte, NC.

*"The scholarship has been an answer to prayer for me, showing me that God wanted me at Gardner-Webb. It's a key to finishing my education."* – Joshua Reich, Radio/TV Communications

major, Lexington, NC.

There are many generous donors who sacrificed for the sake of education here at GWU. Even so, there are still needs directly impacting students which continue to go unmet. So, the Parents' Fund was established to help meet those needs.

Many exciting and positive changes are taking place here at Gardner-Webb. Both Rachel and I are very proud to be associated with such a fine school. If you care about investing in the future of GWU students, help us reach our goal by sending contributions to Steve Varley, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, Gardner-Webb University, P.O. Box 997, Boiling Springs, NC 28017.

Parents have made gifts of \$50, \$75 or \$100, and even more in some cases. However, any size gift is appreciated since it is your participation that matters most. Your giving makes it possible to direct these resources to deserving students making a college education a reality in their lives.

**Mike Breedlove**  
Co-President of Parent Board

Mike Breedlove (far left) and his wife, Rachel, work together with Steve Varley to guide the Parents Board activities.



## MEET TATE CAMPBELL



Tate had two dreams as a boy growing up in nearby Catawba County: to play football and to attend college. Thanks to people like you who contribute annually to the Gardner-Webb Fund, Tate will be able to realize both of his dreams.

He says, "Playing football at Gardner-Webb has taught me the importance of teamwork and to always try my hardest; but more importantly, because of my scholarship, I am getting a top-notch education that will help throughout the rest of my life, whatever I choose to do."

Did you know that more than 90 percent of GWU students receive scholarship assistance? Here's how YOU can help ... simply return the form below in the reply envelope provided. Since ALL gifts to the Gardner-Webb Fund help provide scholarships for Gardner-Webb students, you will be making an enormous impact on the lives of our students. Please consider your involvement in this effort. Together we can shape the future of Gardner-Webb University and Christian higher education. Thank you for your faithful support and generosity.

Use the enclosed envelope to mail to:  
Cassie Bridgeman, GWU, PO Box 997, Boiling Springs, NC 28017

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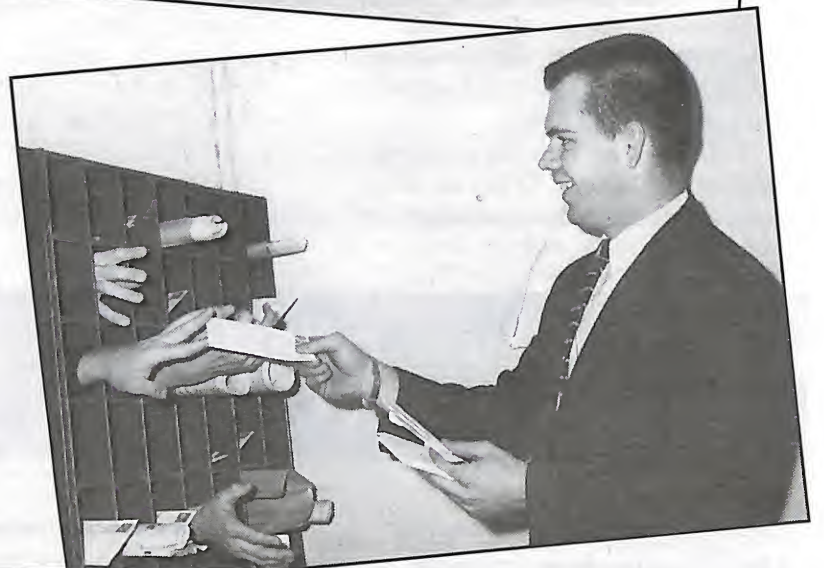
# CENTENNIAL MOMENTS

The staff of The Web has certainly gotten into the spirit of the GWU Centennial Countdown. Thumbing through file cabinets of photos is especially entertaining – that's why we thought you would enjoy more images from the memorable decades gone by. If you have photos or memories of Gardner-Webb from the past 100 years, please share them with us. We'll make sure to keep them safe and return them when we're done. Send your materials to: Matt Webber, The Web magazine, Gardner-Webb University, P.O. Box 997, Boiling Springs, NC 28017.

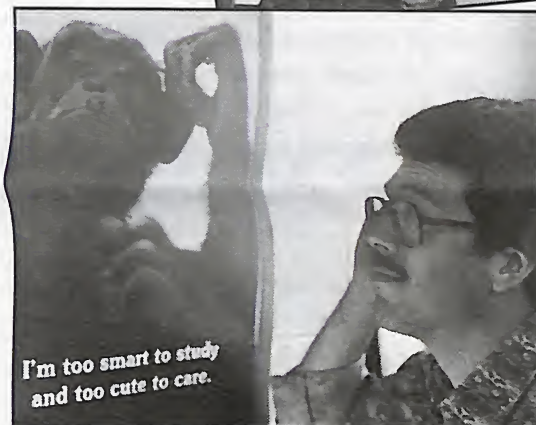
1961 graduating class



(Above) Cute couple from 1950, but they're not identified ... do you know who they are?



(Above) Buddy Freeman carries out his postman duties in 1960



(At left) We're told that one of these pictured is Donald Newton who took home the freshman scholastic award with a perfect 4.0 GPA

I'm too smart to study  
and too cute to care.

(At right) Could it be that Colonel Sanders is really a Bulldog fan?



(Below) Dr. Tony Eastman lost the jacket long ago, but the trademark pipe lives on



Paula Hughs and Janice Anderson with the trophy for being the top debaters



(Above) John Olson creates synthetic fibers in a chemistry lab in 1964

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Major while you attended Gardner-Webb \_\_\_\_\_

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Use the enclosed envelope to mail to: Steve Varley, GWU, P.O. Box 997, Boiling Springs, NC 28017

## Introducing "A.O.N."

### The Alumni Outreach Network

Beginning this fall the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations is looking alumni willing to help identify and recruit students for Gardner-Webb. Called the "Alumni Outreach Network" (AON) you'll be asked twice a year to write and/or visit prospective students.

A special recognition for members of the network is being planned to honor your assistance in this vital effort.

We hope all alumni know that their contribution to Gardner-Webb through this is effort invaluable – we want to continue identifying the best and brightest students who are right for Gardner-Webb!

Interested? Fill out this card today. For more information call Steve Varley at 704-406-4255 or e-mail him at svarley@gardner-webb.edu.



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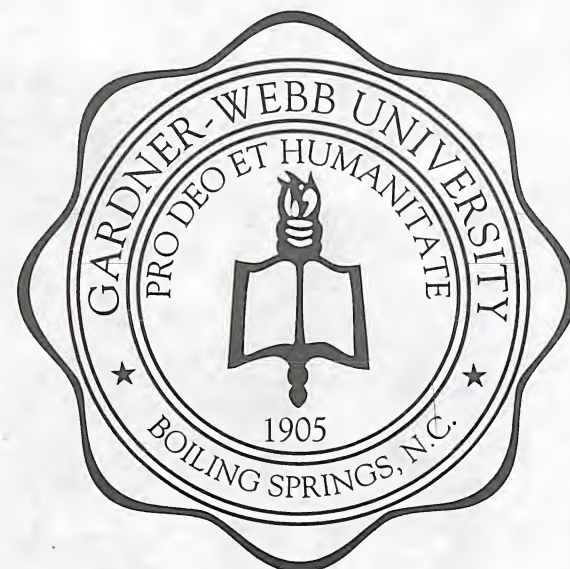
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